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About me

I am a political scientist with a PhD and a master's degree in Political Science from the University of São Paulo (USP) and a bachelor's degree in International Relations from UNESP. I am currently a postdoctoral researcher at the Center for Metropolitan Studies (CEM/CEPID-FAPESP).

My research focuses on Brazilian politics, with an emphasis on social protection, social policies, social rights and judicialization. I also study the Brazilian welfare state and executive–legislative relations.

From October 2023 to August 2025, I conducted postdoctoral research at USP's Institute of Advanced Studies (IEA/USP). My background includes research at USP's Center for Public Policy Research (NUPPs/USP) and teaching in Political Science and International Relations.

Education & appointments

2025–

Postdoctoral research

Center for Metropolitan Studies (CEM/CEPID-FAPESP) · University of São Paulo (USP)

2023–2025

Postdoctoral research

Institute of Advanced Studies (IEA) · University of São Paulo (USP)

2015–2019

PhD in Political Science

University of São Paulo (USP)

2013–2015

Master's in Political Science

University of São Paulo (USP)

2008–2011

Bachelor's in International Relations

São Paulo State University (UNESP) · School of Philosophy and Sciences, Marília

PhD thesis: Do pioneirismo desacompanhado ao consenso multipartidário. University of São Paulo (USP), 2019. Supervisor: Elizabeth Balbachevsky.

Teaching

I have three years of teaching experience in the private sector, in Political Science and International Relations.

Faculdades Integradas Rio Branco (FIRB) · 2023

Faculty member teaching in Law, International Relations, Business Administration and Information Systems.

Universidade Paulista (UNIP) · 2020–2022

Faculty member. Courses included Political Science, Political Diplomacy, Economic Diplomacy, Foreign Policy Analysis, Contemporary International Relations and International Security.

University of São Paulo (USP) · 2013–2014

Teaching assistant for Citizenship and Democracy in Brazil (2013) and the Reading and Directed Research Seminar in Political Science (2014).

Publications

Selected publications

2019

Tradições, interesses e reformas: a costura do setor público para inserir o setor privado na política pública de C&T (1999–2004) que definiu a área como a conhecemos.

LOPES, B. R. V. IX Seminário Discente em Ciência Política (USP).

University of São Paulo (USP)

2018

Agency and values in the process of policy transfer: policy entrepreneurs and the diffusion of innovation approach to science and technology policies in Brazil.

BALBACHEVSKY, E.; LOPES, B. R. V. International Conference on Policy Diffusion and Development Cooperation.

2013

A Negociação da Lei da Inovação: Mudanças nos Paradigmas que informam a PCT no Brasil.

LOPES, B. R. V. Anais do IV Simpósio Nacional de Tecnologia e Sociedade, v. IV, p. 0227–0238.

2011

Desenvolvimento social por meio do desenvolvimento tecnológico: Um panorama sobre as Políticas Públicas no setor de tecnologia brasileiro no primeiro Governo FHC (1995-1998).

LOPES, B. R. V. Aurora (UNESP, Marília), v. 2, p. 49–66.

São Paulo State University (UNESP) · Marília

2011

Políticas Públicas dos anos 90: um panorama sobre o incentivo ao setor tecnológico do Brasil durante a Era Cardoso.

LOPES, B. R. V. In: José Marangoni Camargo; Francisco Luiz Corsi; Rosângela de Lima Vieira (orgs.). Crise do Capitalismo: questões internacionais e nacionais.

Recent conference presentations

2026

Judicialization and the Politics of Social Policy: The Expansion of Brazil’s Continuous Cash Benefit (1996–2026) in the Social Policy and Politics.

Conference presentation · Barbara Lopes

2025

Coalizão sem Presidencialismo? O protagonismo legislativo nas reformas da previdência de Temer e Bolsonaro.

Conference presentation · Barbara Lopes

2024

Social Security Reform (2019) and the role of National Congress: Preferences, Coalition and Leadership.

Conference presentation · Barbara Lopes

Selected academic CV, based on the Lattes CV updated on 19 May 2026 and information provided by the author. Publication titles are retained in their original language. Full record available on Lattes.